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## MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee of the Peace Society met at Pilgrim Hall Monday, Feb. 9, at 2.30 P.M. Pres. E. S. Tobey in the chair; prayer was offered by Rev. R. B. Howard. The minutes of the last meeting read by Rev. D. Richards and approved. Rev. S. C. Bushnell was chosen Secretary *pro tem*. Present, the above named gentlemen and Messrs. Allen, Dunham, Smith and Mowry. The Corresponding Secretary read his own report and that of Treasurer F. M. Patten. Reports were accepted and the various points considered, *seriatim*.

A letter addressed to the Society by President R. Bonghi of the International Association of Peace and Arbitration of Italy, inquiring (1) whether Easter would not be too early a date on which to convene the Universal Peace Congress at Rome. (2) Whether the American Peace Society would contribute to defray the expenses of said Congress. (3) Whether we would forward names for honorary Presidents from America, and also the addresses of such persons as should receive personal invitations.

The Secretary was instructed to suggest September or October, 1891, as more favorable to the purposes of the Congress than April; to correspond with the Committee at Rome as to expenses of Congress, and to suggest certain names for honorary Presidents. The Committee voted to approve of holding the Congress at Rome as suggested by the Congress at London, 1890. The selection of delegates was deferred to a subsequent meeting.

A communication from the officers of the London Congress, requesting this Society to petition the United States Government to co-operate with other governments in establishing an international tribunal, was favorably received and it was decided to continue the agitation for such a Tribunal as heretofore.

A communication was also received from the International Peace and Arbitration Association of London as to a Central Bureau, representing and acting for the various Peace organizations during those periods when Congresses were not in session.

The subject of the recent Indian outbreak was introduced by the following resolution, which, after considerable debate by President Tobey, Dr. Mowry, Messrs. Allen, Howard, Bushnell and others, was unanimously passed:

"Resolved, That, in the interest of future peace, we deprecate the proposed change in the supervision and control of the Indians from the Department of the Interior to the Department of War."

The following Committee was chosen with power to prepare and add to the above resolution another which should emphasize the need of civil service reform in the Indian Bureau, Messrs. Howard, Mowry and Bushnell. The Committee agreed upon the following resolution as expressive of the views of the Executive Committee, viz.:

"Resolved, That the entire control of Indian affairs should be committed to the Commissioner of the same, and he should be held to a strict responsibility for agents and other subordinates, and these should never be appointed or removed except in accordance with the rules of the Civil Service."

The Committee were directed to forward a copy of the above resolutions to the proper authorities at Washington.

A vote of thanks was tendered the London Peace Society for its generous donation of one hundred copies of the

Report of the Universal Congress of 1890, sent to us, carriage paid, for free distribution in America.

The question of inviting the co-operation of other American Peace Societies and of persons not connected with any Peace Society, in proposing for a Universal Peace Congress at Chicago in 1893, was referred after debate to the Committee on the Columbian Exposition.

The Secretary was instructed to issue to members of the Society and others, solicitations of an annual membership fee or donation of two dollars or more from each person addressed, in the hope of meeting the current expenses by the current income; and to ensure if possible that the Society conclude its financial year ending April 30, 1891, free from debt.

Adjourned.

## FROM LONDON.

The *Herald of Peace* (London) for December contains a very interesting account of addresses made by Secretary W. E. Darby in Scotland; also one by Dr. Wescott, Bishop of Durham, in his own diocese; also a letter of approval and sympathy by the Earl of Derby and the acceptance of the office of Vice-President of the Peace Society by the Dean of Winchester.

William Jones is to give a series of itinerant lectures on his round-the-world peace tour; a Peace Calendar has been published for 1892. The receipts of the English Society for November were over \$1200.

The *Herald* calls the McKinley bill "selfish," evidently showing the national sentiment of Great Britain in favor of free trade. It is the United States law and cannot be repealed for some years.

It quotes the London *Times* on our government's mismanagement with the Indians, which the best men of this country are trying to remedy.

Give the latter your sympathy, Brother Editor, and don't call the United States Congress a "Legislature," nor the American Peace Society, the "Boston Society." Our names may have been illy chosen, but we like to be called by them and no other.

## WHAT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE?

At a meeting in Philadelphia, Mr. Wanamaker related an interesting incident which occurred at a reception given by President Harrison to a company of Indians. The Indian chief remarked on the comfort of the President's surroundings, and contrasted them with the rude, primitive state in which he himself lived. He asked why there was such a difference, and what was the remedy for this condition. General O. O. Howard, who was present, took up a Bible and said, "This is it, the word of God."

## ONE CAUSE OF INDIAN WARS.

The *Yellowstone Journal* says that if the white men who sell whiskey to the Indians were in the penitentiary few uprisings and little lawlessness would be reported among the red men, and the *Helena* (Mont.) *Journal* remarks: "In Montana there has never been an Indian outbreak which could not be traced directly to liquor among the Indians, and strange as it may be, not three of the whiskey sellers have been punished in the past ten years."